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DON C. WALLACE, W6AM -- 1898-1985

Don C. Wallace, a radio pioneer, dean of DXers, Charter Member, and Past President of the Southern California DX Club, died Saturday May 25 in Long Beach after suffering a stroke. He was 86.

Don Wallace, W6AM, in his 86 years bridged remarkable historical periods in which his radio interests helped him to play vital roles. His power of positive thinking turned what might have been liabilities for others into assets for him.

DXing in the grand manner for the then 60C in 1912 was from Long Beach to Piedmont, California, some 400 miles away. Even then his admiration for long wires was evident with an antenna three blocks long, strung over two power lines on 80-foot poles! (The chief operator of the nearby Marconi station had to take turns with Don to use the airwaves.) That 1910-1916 station used a homemade receiver. Don secured copies of Armstrong's patents and a test tube and made all circuits oscillate (i.e., tuned antenna, tuned grid, tuned filament return from the grid and tuned filament return from the plate). He felt that we never have duplicated that particular type of sensitivity and care in construction. China ship stations were so loud he could hear them in the house, some 60 feet away. The transmitter was comprised of a homemade transformer, rotary gap and an antenna meter (using an old alarm clock set of bearings.)

At the time of the First World War, 60C joined the Navy and almost immediately began operating NPG in San Francisco, a fulfillment of his still-boyhood dream operating the 300-kW Bolinas Marconi transpacific station. Though still a teenager, Don was placed in charge of the 36 operators onboard President Wilson's Peace Conference ship, the U.S.S. George Washington, which became a classic communications center on trips to and from France. On the staff were famous radio men of the era, such as Beverage of Beverage wire antenna fame.

In 1922 Don held the call 9ZT in Minneapolis. His station used a water-cooled tube, tube rectifiers and a separate pole line transformer; he was heard in 16 countries. His 1923 station was awarded the Hoover Radio Cup for best in the USA. In the early '20s 9ZT worked Leon DeLoy, 8AB (France) on 110 meters - Leon's farthest contact. When WAC was started in this period 9ZT was one of the first four USA charter members. About that time the old Federal Radio Commission issued Don the call 9XAX "...anytime, any power, any wave length."

Always a high-speed cw operator, Don won numerous cups, plaques and awards. He helped Press Wireless locate their west coast transpacific receiving station. Later, when Press Wireless moved back to San Francisco, Don bought the 104 acre, 1234-foot-high location, with antennas and buildings, on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. W6AM now has 18 rhombic directions on the remaining 24 acres.

W6AM was a well-known fixture on the DXCC Honor Roll and often occupied the coveted number 1 position. Several years ago when Headquarters announced a $25 plaque for those who could demonstrate that they had at some time been in the number 1 position, Don wrote Bob White at Hq. to go ahead and send him the plaques he was entitled to and bill him later. The conservative W1CW wrote Don first and asked him if he really wanted to panel the W6AM radio room with 64 plaques at a cost of $1775! (Don settled for two representative plaques, one phone and one cw).

Don's lifelong dreams came true, and he was quoted as saying "the reality is even better than the dream."

(Adapted from: Ellen White, W1YL, "W6AM - A DX Legend," How's DX?, QST, August 1981, p. 67)

JUNE MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM Thursday June 13 in the DWP Cafeteria at 111 N. Hope St. The program will be devoted to the discussion and demonstration of Kenwood TS-930S modifications. The demonstrations will compare receiver sensitivity, selectivity, and transmitter power output. If you have a TS-930S modification, send the description to N6CGB for photocopying before the meeting or make 50 photocopies of the modification and the Club will reimburse you. Also, if possible, bring the modified TS-930S to the meeting for comparison testing.

Additionally, there will be a presentation and demonstration of the new Kenwood TS-940S.

JULY MEETING

Plan now - the July meeting will be our annual PIZZA MEETING, to be held at Me and Ed's Pizza in Lakewood. Details will appear in next month's Bulletin.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION

The British Columbia DX Club announces the 1985 Pacific Northwest DX Convention at The Richmond Inn, Richmond, B.C., on July 26, 27, and 28. Program speakers include Tom Wong, VE7BC, discussing his recent visit to China.

Call the hotel directly at 604-273-7878 for your reservation. The deadline for pre-registration is July 1. The cost of $42 includes all program sessions, Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast and prizes. The rate after July 1 is $45. The rates for meals only before and after July 1 are $32/$35 - all rates are Canadian. One dollar (U.S.) equals $1.36 (Canadian). Send your convention registration to:

Ken Thompson - VE7BXG
12467 - 53rd Avenue
Surrey, B.C. V3W 1A4 CANADA

Make cheques payable to: B.C. DX Club.

LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

The Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group is sponsoring several amateur radio license examination sessions in many different locations in the Los Angeles area. For information about these sessions call 818-762-5095 (days) or 818-892-2068 (after 6 PM). Novice examinations are not administered at these sessions.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 9 MEETING
By Chris Williams KG6AR Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by Marty Woll, N6VI, with members introducing themselves.

Chris Williams, KG6AR, presented the CQ Hall of Fame award to Herb Becker, W6QD. Herb was not able to be at Fresno to receive the award so the presentation was delayed until it could be made personally.

Dan, N6CGB, made a motion that $500 be donated to the Northern California DX Foundation to help cover some of the heavy expenses that were incurred by a few of the Clipperton DXpedition crew that came from overseas. Joe, K5KT, made a motion for approval and it was seconded by Len, NC6H. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Skip, KJ6Y, presented a very interesting talk on antenna and tower installations. He provided a lot of practical information for DXers planning to erect new antenna systems.

Raffle prizes were won by W6EA, WB6ZHT, K6GY, KB6HW, WA6TNJ, and N6GIL.

The Club thanks Jun's Electronics for participation in the procurement of prizes for the May raffle program.

1985 SCDXC BUDGET

At the May meeting, Club President Marty Woll, N6VI, presented the following 1985 budget, as required by the Club constitution:

Revenues (dues, interest)	$3000
Operations:	
Bulletin	$2100
Awards/Trophies	500
Supplies/Expenses	400
Other Costs:	
DXpedition support	1200
Repeater Site Rental	1200
Repeater Maintenance	300
Total budgeted expenditures:	$5700

This budget will, if adhered to, reduce the surplus in the treasury by approximately $2,700. No objections were raised to the above proposal by members in attendance at the May meeting.

160-METER RTTY PERMITTED JUNE 17

On June 17, amateurs will be authorized to use RTTY, FAX and SSTV on the 160-meter band, 1800 to 2000 KHz. This action is the result of ARRL's 1984 request.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF W6AM

An Open House was held at the W6AM Radio Ranch to pay tribute to the memory of Don Wallace, W6AM, on Wednesday, May 29. Over 150 persons attended including 11 SCDXC past presidents and many Club members.

W6AM MEMORIAL DX ACTIVITY AWARD

The SCDXC Board of Directors plans to honor the memory of Don Wallace, W6AM, by an annual "W6AM Memorial DX Activity Award." This award will be based on DX activity during a calendar year. The criteria for the award will be DX activity such as that shown by Don who was regularly on the bands working DX even though he had already worked everything. More details on this award will be provided in future Bulletins.

MONTHLY DX ACTIVITY AWARD

The SCDXC Board of Directors has instituted a "Monthly DX Activity Award." Competition for the award will begin July 1. The monthly winner will be determined by the Club member who works the most mode-countries. Two points are obtaining by working a country for the first time in a month on either phone or cw. For example, the first contact with Japan on phone counts two points and the first contact with Japan on cw also counts two points. An additional point can be obtained for each two point contact by announcing the station on the Club repeater either before or immediately after the contact.

There is a new contest every month. The month is determined by GMT time. A country check list for phone and cw will be printed in next month's Bulletin. The DXCC country list will be used. A photocopy of your log clearly indicating the claimed contacts together with the country check list must be sent to Contest Chairman, John Alexander, K6SVL, by the 15th of the next month. The winner will be announced in the following month's Bulletin.

The purposes of this award are to: stimulate DX activity by SCDXC members; increase the reporting of DX on the Club repeater; and offer encouragement to members that there is still a lot of DX to be worked. This monthly activity will serve as a basis for determining the winner of the annual W6AM DX Activity Award although exact rules for that award have not yet been finalized.

ZL1AMO VISITS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, recent winner of the CQ DX Hall of Fame Award visited Los Angeles and attended a dinner in his honor arranged by members of the SCDXC on May 1. In attendance were: George, W6ABW, and his XYL, Connie, KA6JAM; Jerry, K6AV; Dan, N6CGB, and XYL, Lee; Steve, W6FRZ, and XYL, Fran; Joe, K5KT, and XYL, Peggy; Cleyon, AD6P; Bob, K6RR; and Ron's aunt Marie.

Ron provided information that Chris who has been active as ZL4OY/A and ZL7OY will probably be going to Kermadec as ZL8OY with the October crew change.

VU2BEJ VISITS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Deryck Jeffereis, VU2BEJ, a well known Bombay DXer visited Los Angeles late in May. When Deryck stopped by Ham Radio Outlet in Van Nuys, AA6PY put him in touch with the SCDXC. A dinner for him was arranged in the San Fernando Valley, attended by N6IC, KD6LV, KB6HW, K6YRA, N6VI and XYL Clara.

Deryck told quite a bit about the status of amateur radio in India. A long-standing obstacle to development of ham radio there has been a 350% duty imposed on imported radio equipment. Thanks to the urging of now Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi, VU2RJ, the duty was recently lifted for up to $800 per year of equipment per person. The limit is scheduled to be raised to about $1200 later; this makes the purchase of modern equipment practical for Indian hams. Deryck expects continued improvement in publicity and support for amateur radio (and thus more licensees and activity) with Ghandi (whose wife is also a ham) heading the government.

Asked about prospects for future operations from the Laccadives, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, he pointed out that these locations are in militarily sensitive areas and government permission to go there would be very difficult to get given the current political climate in the region.

Finally, Deryck thanked the Club for those old Callbooks that had been delivered by Alan Kaul, W6RCL, and said that any more we could furnish would be greatly appreciated by the hams there in India.

FOR SALE:

Collins KWM-2A complete with AC power supply, make offer. Contact Joe, K5KT, 213-541-6235.

Jay O'Brien W6GO
P. O. Box 700
Rio Linda, CA
95673

FIRST CLASS MAIL

George Morris, W6ABW
2106 Earnslow Drive
La Canada, CA 91011

12-METER BAND AVAILABLE JUNE 22

The 12-meter band (24.890 to 24.990 MHz) will be released to U.S. amateurs General class and above at 0001Z June 22. Full power will be permitted in the 12-meter band but amateurs must avoid interfering with stations outside the U.S. in the Fixed Service. A1 and F1 emissions will be permitted on 24.890-24.930 MHz; A1, A3, A4, A5, F3, F4 and F5 emissions will be permitted on 24.930-24.990 MHz.

COMING DX ATTRACTIONS

Russ Mason, KG6IP, and Wayne Sakamoto, WD6M, plan an operation from VP2M from July 29 through August 5. They will be active on all bands, phone and cw.

CODE PRACTICE STATION

W6QIE sends 5 to 30 WPM code practice on 3590 from 8 to 9:30 PM every night except Monday.

SATELLITE DXCC

According to the ARRL DX Bulletin transmitted by W1AW on May 24, "Contacts made via AMSAT and OSCAR 10 will now be accepted for the Satellite DXCC Award. Credit is retroactive to the date OSCAR 10 first became available for contacts. The Satellite DXCC certificate is a non-endorseable, one time only award."

JUNE PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.
AHLBD-Above,High,Low,Below,Disturb

1-L	8-H	15-H	22-H	29-L
2-L	9-A	16-L	23-A	30-L
3-H	10-L	17-L	24-L	
4-L	11-H	18-B	25-L	
5-B	12-A	19-D	26-B	
6-L	13-H	20-L	27-H	
7-L	14-L	21-L	28-H	

FOR SALE:

Four element 20-meter monoband Yagi on 40-foot boom, $40. Contact John, K6SVL, 213-377-3807.